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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

1. Mr. Jacobus of the NSRB called to see me regarding certain questions arising out of the NSC Directive for the preparation of the study on the net capabilities of the USSR to attack the U. S. These questions and my answers are as follows:

a. Shouldn't there be in the Directive a responsibility for ICIS and IIC to collaborate?

My answer: That while conceivably this was desirable at an early stage it would be, in fact, carried out at the time of the Director's total evaluation in collaboration with IIC, ICIS, and JCS. I further pointed out that the chairmanship of these two committees is held by the FBI and that presumably appropriate cross relationships between the two committees had been noted by Mr. Whearty and his colleague on the IIC. I stated my understanding that the papers of these two committees were practically completed. He reluctantly stated that his question was at this time a bit academic.

b. The NSRB has an interest in this project because of its relevance to their planning assumptions. They would like to see the papers when produced and have observer's status on the final group under the chairmanship of the DCI.

My answer: I stated that I thought these reasonable and useful requests and would so recommend to the DCI.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the DCI authorize me to inform Mr. Jacobus of the NSRB that as the papers in this project are completed they will be forwarded to the NSRB and that a representative of the NSRB will be requested to sit as an observer in the discussions of the final estimate.

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